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From Bronx Kids to Miners' Kids: These nine dolls are brightening the Yuletide, for nine miners' youngsters. They were made by pupils of teacher Sophia B. Meyerson, P.S. 68, Bronx, and were sent to the International Workers Order's Christmas Fund for the coal-diggers' children. They were distributed in Christmas parties in the coal fields.

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GEN. JOSEPH McNARNEY, commander of U. S. forces in Europe, broadcast a Christmas amnesty to "small" Nazis yesterday. He praised the German "progress" to democracy and attacked France and Russia (without mention-

ing them by name), for not joining with Britain's and America's economic policies in Germany. McNarney also released Donald Day, American-born traitor, who acted as Goebbels' mouthpiece during the war in broadcasts from Berlin. (See stories on Page 2.)



WORLD EVENTS

U. S. Frees Donald Day, Nazi Mouthpiece

By Bernard Burton

To "encourage" Germans "to seek the ways of democracy" Gen. Joseph T. McNarney has freed Donald Day, renegade American-born propagandist hired by Goebbels. Day was granted amnesty along with 800,000 "little" Nazis.

Day, however, was not so "little." He was paid 7,500 marks a month by the German Government. According to a New York Times story last year this enabled him and Lord Haw Haw, his British colleague, "to live on the scale of millionaires."

William Joyce, alias Lord Haw Haw, got 1,000 marks a month less than Day. Joyce was hanged in Britain. Day has been set scot-free and sees no reason why he shouldn't return to the U. S. after an absence of more than 20 years, most of the time as an employee of Col. Robert McCormick's Chicago Tribune.

Day declared that "I said what I pleased. I followed no propaganda line" while broadcasting on the German Government radio.

Goebbels' four direct telephone connections with the radio station used by Joyce and Day must have been for "social" functions only. Hans Mahle, German anti-fascist

underground fighter, pointed out that all other foreign broadcasters were briefed by minor Nazi functionaries but Day and Joyce were given the line by Goebbels himself.

While GIs were heroically standing fast in the Battle of the Bulge, Day was making broadcasts glorifying Hitler and beseeching Americans to fight Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill. Not only was he denouncing "bolshivism," but he hammered away at the theme that Americans were being groomed as cannon fodder for a third world war to "save Great Britain." According to the Federal Communications Commission, his last recorded broadcast was on Jan. 8, 1945.

After that he joined the Nazis in fleeing from the advancing Russians, banking on safety in American hands. His only beef on American treatment was that he didn't get enough food.

After 20-odd years of penning stories against the Soviet Union from Riga, Latvia, Day was a natural for Goebbels. Barred from the USSR in 1919, Day set up headquarters in Riga and found a ready market for his lies and distortions.

He supplemented his Chicago Tribune salary by counting Lord Rothmere, the British Hearst, among his steady

customers for anti-Soviet stories. Rothmere's Daily Mail paid one pound (\$5) for each of Day's concoctions.

Day helped Riga to become the most notorious lie-center in the world. One of his "experts" was a Russian White Guard who provided "eyewitness" coverage of Moscow from a wheelchair. It was Day who helped spread anti-Soviet fables about "nationalization of women," "famine" and other horror stories published approvingly by hundreds of American newspapers. No sooner would one story be punched full of holes than Day would dish up a new phony.

During the Finnish-Soviet war, Day's dispatches became so notorious that a University of Chicago Round Table discussion singled out his fabrications for special dishonorable mention.

The release of Day, along with Mildred Gillars, the infamous Axis Sally who broadcast appeals to GIs to desert to the Nazi lines, is a travesty to the memory of the plain, ordinary Americans who died to wipe out Nazism and its agents.

To Germans dedicated to a rebirth of democracy, it will be seen as part of the pattern which affords U. S. protection to the bankers and industrialists who backed Hitler into power.

Giral Opposes British Deal on Spain

PARIS, Dec. 24 (UP).—Premier Jose Giral of the Spanish Republican government in exile said today any attempt to form a caretaker government inside Spain to replace the regime of Generalissimo Francisco Franco was bound to fail. The only solution, he asserted, was a cabinet based on the Republican government in exile.

In a written interview, Giral said a British plan outlined by Labor Party secretary Morgan Philips for formation of a Centrist government in Spain "is impossible without Franco's consent and he would immediately oppose it, imprisoning anyone who sought to make it up."

Giral said economic penalties against Spain would force Franco's "immediate downfall." He disagreed with the reported British stand that such penalties would be useless while Argentina continued to trade

with Spain. Giral answered four questions put to him by the United Press. The text follows:

Question—Do you think a provisional government as outlined by Philips would enable Franco to step out of power?

Answer—Formation of an interim government in Spain is impossible

without Franco's consent and he would immediately oppose it, imprisoning anyone who sought to make it up. Of emigrant governments there is and never can be any other government except that which I have the honor of heading. As soon as Gen. Franco gives up power my government is qualified to take it up.

Q.—Do you believe such a provisional government will be formed without extreme right or left elements?

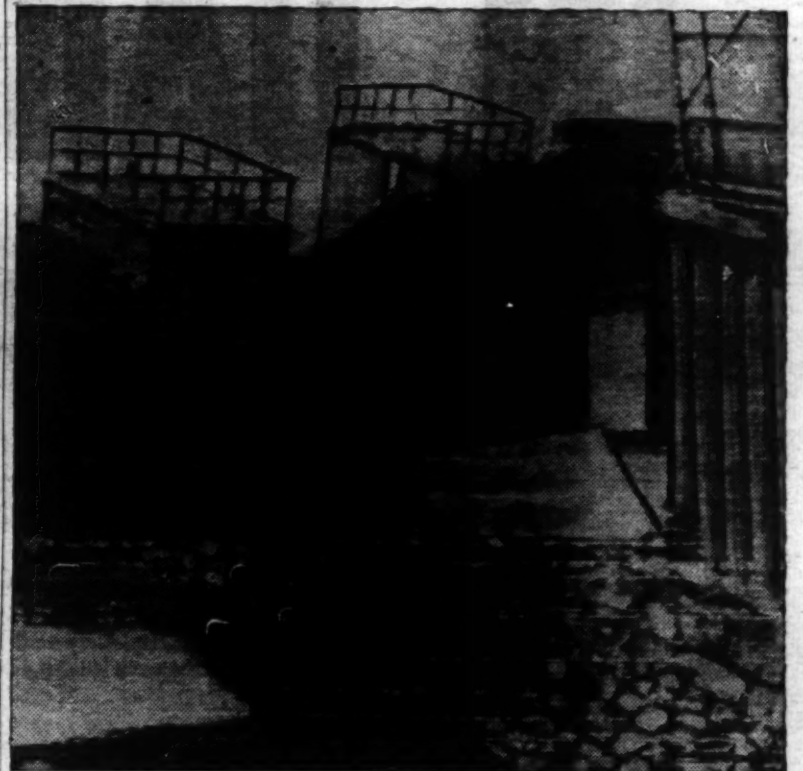
A.—I am unaware of plans or aims of the British government.

Q.—Are all parties included in your government and do you believe a transition regime would pave the way for your government?

A.—I do not believe any transition government would be workable. All parties from right to Republican left are represented in my government.

Q.—Do you agree economic sanctions despite Argentine help would mean little to Franco?

A.—I believe economic sanctions against the Franco regime would force his immediate downfall, even keeping intact his accord with Argentina. In reality this accord is no more than an exchange of merchandise and products.



Uneasy Berth: A boat, tossed by a mighty wave on these shattered houses, shows the force of the blow which blitzed the coast of Japan and destroyed over a 1,000 lives.

Indo-China Battles Extend to New Zones

Battles see-sawed in northern Indo-China and a curfew was declared in the southern capital city of Saigon as French military officials feared the warfare might spread throughout the south, Paris dispatches said yesterday.

Attacks by French bombers silenced the Annamite batteries shelling Hanoi, but patriot troops attacked two new towns in the north, the dispatches reported.

Bangkok, Siam, reported hearing the radio of the Viet Nam forces assert that 2,000 French soldiers had surrendered at Bac Ninh, 20 miles northeast of Hanoi, and at Nam Dinh, 48 miles southeast of Hanoi.

However, a French general staff communique, while it did not mention Nam Dinh, said that the Bac Ninh garrison was able to hold its positions after repelling several "rebel" attacks.

The French High Commission imposed the curfew in Saigon, effective at 10 p.m., in fear that the increasing excitement might lead to an outbreak which would spread through the southern province of Cochinchina.

A general staff summary of the situation said that French troops were mopping up several sectors in Hanoi. On the road from Hanoi to Huynh, it was asserted, French troops were attacked several times by rebel Viet Nam forces.

The general staff statement said that the town of Hue, on the coast,

continued under strong bombardment by the Viet Namees.

The statement denied reports that the Tourane Airport to the south-east had fallen.

Credits Stalin With UN Success

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Radio Moscow today quoted Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky as giving Generalissimo Joseph Stalin top credit for the Soviet delegation's success at the United Nations General Assembly through his "day-to-day leadership."

The broadcast said Vishinsky addressed the Presidium of the Soviet Academy of Sciences and said "the success which attended the Soviet delegation at the General Assembly in New York was to be explained first by the day-to-day leadership it received from Stalin, an experienced strategist not only in armed battles but also on diplomatic battlefields, and secondly because Vlachoslav Molotov had headed the delegation."

McNarney Frees Small Fry Nazis; Chides Allies in Xmas Eve Speech

Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, American commander in chief in Europe, announced an amnesty yesterday for 800,000 "minor" Nazis in the United States occupation zone of Germany. The amnesty was announced in a Christmas Eve broadcast to the German nation.

McNarney also told the Germans that 1947 should see distinct improvement in their lot, United Press reported.

He took occasion in his address to the Germans to criticize America's allies—without directly mentioning the Soviet Union and France—that the four occupying powers had not yet carried out the Potsdam promise to unify Germany and that work of restoring the country to normal was thereby hampered.

McNarney made his Christmas statement to Germans who packed the Roemerberg Square in Frankfurt, where the Holy Roman Emperors were once crowned.

The amnesty which McNarney announced covers those Nazis who are not chargeable under the denazification law classifications of

"major offenders" or "offenders" whose financial status would seem to show they did not profit by Nazi greed and ambition.

SCORES ALLIES

This means those whose income in the years 1943 to 1945 was less than 3,600 marks (nominally \$360) and those whose taxable property in 1945 did not exceed 20,000 marks (nominally \$2,000). It also includes those not chargeable as major offenders or offenders who suffer from more than 50 percent disability.

Noteworthy in McNarney's address was his praise for the Germans and his attack on America's allies who lost most of the men killed in the war and inflicted 80 percent of all the casualties suffered by the Nazis.

Under the recent unification of the British and American zones,

over a billion dollars of aid will be poured into Germany. This announcement was made at a time when the State Department emphasized its intentions of cutting off food and relief from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Byelorussia, the Ukraine, Yugoslavia and other lands which were devastated by the Nazis.

In Berlin McNarney's deputy, Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, said that the amnesty would cut the administrative load of the new German denazification law by one-third and clear the way for those "who really deserve it."

Eight weeks ago Clay had told the Germans that they were using the denazification law to whitewash instead of punish guilty Nazis and he gave them 60 days to get on the beam. Otherwise, he said, the Army would take over the job.

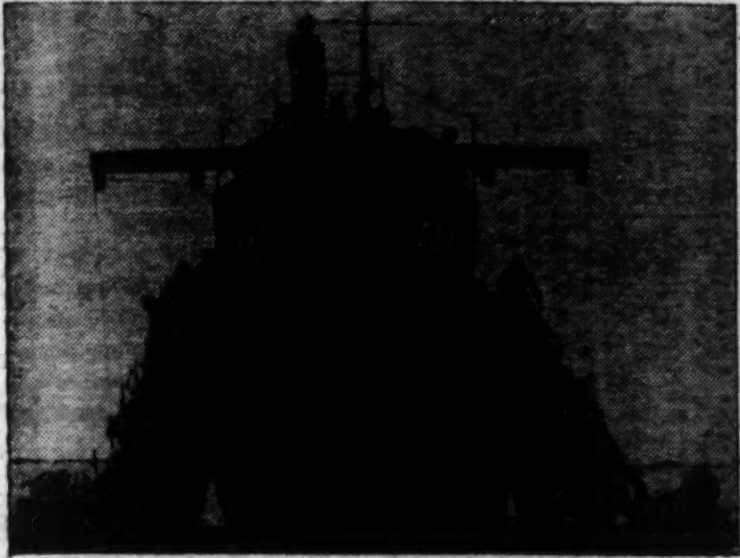
Bringing It Up to Date

By Alan Max

To revise the words of Dante: "All ye who enter these portals, collect ye portal-to-portal pay."

State Dep't Admits Soviets Had Right To Deny Landing to Standard Oil Man

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The State Department today announced Russian officials acted within their legal rights in refusing landing permits in Dairen, Manchuria, to a representative of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Co. and a Scripps-Howard correspondent, who were being ferried by the United States Navy.



THIS IS THE TYPE OF LANDING CRAFT used to ferry representative of Standard Oil to Dairen, Manchuria, which led to the recent incident. The State Department announced yesterday that Soviet authorities had given the ship and its officers permission and facilities for carrying out its legitimate business, but ordered it to leave after overstaying its leave while doing business for Standard Oil.

A State Department spokesman also confirmed Soviet officials at Dairen, who ordered a U. S. Navy ship to leave, after overstaying its authorized 48 hour stay, acted within their legal rights.

The department received a preliminary, but garbled report of the incident this morning from its representative in the area. The spokesman's remarks indicated the U.S. naval vessel was allowed to carry out its official business "without hindrance."

The entire incident arose when U.S. consular and Navy officials interceded in behalf of the Standard Oil man, Jesse L. Poole, who was aboard the LC-3 1090 in Dairen harbor. Efforts to disembark the oil man were made two hours after the 48-hour leave had expired.

EXPLANATION

Yesterday's Daily Worker reported Standard-Vacuum Oil Company's explanation that the firm had considerable business interest in Dairen and that its Far Eastern agents are trying to resume "normal operations."

The Navy and State Department have not yet explained why the Navy and consular officials were used for the private business of the Standard Oil corporation.

The State Department spokesman pointed out yesterday the portion of the cabled report from Dairen by Scripps-Howard reporter, William H. Newton, about the Soviet "ultimatum" was garbled. He stated further that under the 1945 Sino-Soviet treaty, Dairen is to become a free commercial port but that the Chinese and Soviet governments have not yet made final arrangements.

Pending such arrangements, the treaty provides Russian officials shall control the port. Under the terms of the treaty such control can continue until a formal peace treaty is signed with Japan.

Following is the full text of the statement read by the State Department spokesman:

"The Department has received a preliminary report regarding the U. S. courier ship which recently visited Dairen. This report confirms the substantial accuracy of William H. Newton's story.

TRIP'S PURPOSE

"The purpose of the trip was to bring supplies and diplomatic mail to the consulate general at Dairen. The Soviet authorities were notified in accordance with established routine and the vessel was granted the usual permission to stay in port 48 hours.

"The courier, Harri H. Ball, was allowed to transact his official business without hindrance, having received prior clearance for authority to land. But clearance was not requested for the two newspaper correspondents and the American businessman.

"Upon arrival of the vessel at Dairen, Consul General H. Merrell Benninghoff attempted to obtain clearance locally for Mr. Jesse Poole, the representative of the



DAIREN IN MANCHURIA is governed by Chinese officials, but according to the Chinese-Soviet treaty of 1945, port control is under Soviet military authority until the signing of a peace treaty with Japan.

Standard Vacuum Oil Co., and for Mr. Newton and a Life photographer.

"Mr. Benninghoff was unable to do so inasmuch as the local authorities at Dairen stated they were unable to authorize the entrance of these people without clearance from Moscow. Having failed in the attempt to obtain clearance, the ship left two hours after its original 48-hour stay had expired.

"Dairen, under the terms of the Sino-Soviet treaty of August, 1945, is to be a free commercial port under Chinese administration but the Soviet and Chinese governments have not yet made arrangements for the assumption of Chinese control.

"Pending the conclusion of these arrangements, Dairen remains under Soviet military control.

"It has been the hope of this government that the Chinese and Soviets would be able to work out these arrangements for a transfer of control, but we recognize that this is a matter to be handled by these two governments."

Under questioning, the spokesman conceded that the Soviets were acting "within their legal rights."



THE CITY OF DAIREN, shown here with the port in the background was the scene of U.S. Navy and consulate activity in behalf of Standard Oil business. The city was liberated from the Japanese by Soviet troops in August, 1945, and is now being governed in accordance with the treaty signed between China and the Soviet Union the same year. Standard Oil used this as an oil terminal, and it is now employing the United States Navy and State Departments for its private business activity. During the war between China and Japan, American oil was shipped to the Japanese for their war against China.

Unity of Jewish, Arab Workers Growing

TEL AVIV, Palestine, Dec. 24 (ALN).—The growing unity between Jewish and Arab unionists may eventually provide the cornerstone for a peaceful, democratic Palestine free from British domination.

The unions, whose membership constitutes roughly 9 percent of the country's population, have conducted a great many joint strikes during the past year. What has stimulated united action is the fact that living costs for Jews and Arabs alike have risen 300 percent since 1937 while wages have gone up only 50 percent in the same period.

Of the 145,000 organized workers, about 108,000 are Jews and 37,000 Arabs. The Jews are grouped in the Histadruth (Jewish Federation of Labor) and the Arabs in three organizations: the Palestine Arab Workers' Society (15,000), the Arab Workers' Congress (18,000), and the Arab Labor League (4,500).

The Arab Labor League is affiliated to the Histadruth but Jewish and Arab locals are separate. Progressive laborites of both nationalities oppose this separation and are striving for organizational unity.

During the past year Arab and Jewish workers engaged in joint strikes against the U.S. Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Anglo-Dutch Shell Oil Co., British army posts exchanges, the Dead Sea Potash Co. and the Nur Factory, the last owned by Jewish capital. Each of these strikes involved thousands of workers.

When Arab and Jewish government employees were on a nationwide strike, Arab postal employees

participated in a mass meeting at Histadruth's headquarters in Tel Aviv. They supported a declaration denouncing British imperialism for trying to stir up conflict between Jewish and Arab workers.

Judge Corcoran Sworn In

Mayor O'Dwyer administered the oath of office to Supreme Court Justice-elect Thomas L. J. Corcoran at 12:30 p.m. in City Hall, yesterday. Corcoran was succeeded as Deputy Mayor by Corporation Counsel John J. Bennett, who, in turn, will be replaced as Corporation Counsel by Charles E. Murphy, Brooklyn Democrat, a member of the law firm of Murphy, Block, Sullivan and Sawyer.

Mr. Bennett and Mr. Murphy will be sworn in by the Mayor at City Hall at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow, Dec. 26.



WORLD BRIEFS

ZIONISTS TO BOYCOTT LONDON CONFERENCE

WORLD ZIONIST congress delegates voted to condemn "the shedding of innocent blood" by the underground in Palestine, according to United Press. The congress also voted against participation in the London conference of Arabs, Jews, Britain and the U. S. next month.

AZERBAIJAN'S leader, Jaafar Pishevari, forced to flee by the central Iranian army, started broadcasting by radio, promising that the people of Azerbaijan would regain their democratic rights.

ALBANIA refused to accede to the British demand for reparations for naval personnel lost when British ships hit mines off the coast of Albania.

THE WAR DEPT. said there was no connection between the recent release of Col. Andrus, former commandant of the Nuremberg jail, and the suicide of Goering.

THE POPE broadcast a Christmas message saying that peace could be attained through Christianity.

GOP Begins Distributing Plums In 15 Available Senate Committees

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Senate Republican Committee on Committees today virtually completed its "nominations" for important committee chairmanships in the new Congress by tentatively assigning banking to reluctant Charles W. Tobey of New Hampshire. In a two-hour meeting, chairman Wallace W. White of Maine and other committee members put all but the finishing touches to their recommendations which seek to fit 51 Republican Senators into the 15 available committees.

Because Tobey had refused to deal with his colleagues who are doing the spadework for the incoming 80th Congress, the Committee on Committees will meet Friday to react to Tobey's reaction.

Friends say he has refused to tell the committee his chairmanship preferences because he wants to become chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, a post which White himself wants.

"If the GOP conference elects me to the job, I'll take it," White told newsmen after the meeting. Now present minority leader, White also will direct the majority next session when the Republicans are in control.

The committee met with one big problem settled 24 hours earlier. That was Sen. Robert A. Taft's decision to take over direction of the important labor committee, and yield his top place on the powerful finance committee.

That leaves finance open to Sen. Eugene D. Millikin (R-Col.), who has been protesting that western Republicans are being left out in the cold on chairmanships.

Taft said he and Senator-elect John W. Bricker will huddle soon over the question of which shall become the Ohio's "favorite-son" candidate for the 1948 Presidential nomination.

Although Taft indicated a decision may be delayed until next summer, he said he had discussed the matter with Bricker by long-distance telephone and in person at the Washington Gridiron Club dinner 10 days ago.

Despite disclaimers that he was not an "active" candidate, Taft's committee choice looked to observers as though he is eyeing 1948.

Both Taft and White emphasized that Tobey's assignment to banking was tentative. The committee's powers are limited to "suggesting" a chairmanship lineup to the new 80th Congress committee. But few persons believe that the recommendations will be ignored.

"I would think he (Tobey) would take it," Taft said, "but I don't know. We haven't heard from him and maybe we won't."

Tobey's seniority also makes him eligible for the chairmanship of the new Armed Forces Committee—a merger of the old Military Affairs and Naval Affairs Committee. If he accepts banking, that leaves the armed forces plum to Sen. Chan Gurney (R-SD).

PROBABLE LINEUP

If those rough spots are smoothed out by Friday's meeting, the GOP



Dividing the Spoils: Members of the Senate Republican Committee on Committees are shown as they met in closed session in Washington to discuss allocation of committee posts among the 51 Republicans who will hold a Senate majority in the 80th Congress. Seated (left to right) are: Senators Robert A. Taft, Ohio; Wallace H. White Jr., Maine, head of the group, and C. Wayland Brooks, Illinois. Standing are (left to right) Senators Raymond E. Willis, Indiana; Hugh Butler, Nebraska, and Edward V. Roberison of Wyoming.

recommended committee chairmanship lineup will look like this:

Appropriations—Styles Bridges of New Hampshire.

Banking and Currency—Tobey.

Armed Forces—Gurney.

Interstate and Foreign Commerce—White.

Foreign Relations—Arthur W. Vandenberg, Michigan.

Labor—Taft.

Finance—Millikin.

Public Lands—Hugh Butler, Nebraska, with public lands subcommittee headed by Edward V. Roberison of Wyoming, and Indian affairs subcommittee headed by William Langer of North Dakota.

Rules—C. Wayland Brooks, Illinois.

Civil Service—Clyde M. Reed, Kansas.

Agriculture—Arthur Capper, Kansas.

Judiciary—Alexander Wiley, Wisconsin.

Executive Expenditures—Homer Ferguson, Michigan.

District Committee—C. Douglas Buck, Delaware.

Public Works—A new committee not definitely assigned, but for which Chapman Revercomb of West Virginia has an inside track.

Xmas Travel Sets Record

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Christmas holiday traffic on the nation's airlines and highways today was the heaviest in history.

Railroads, however, reported a slump from last year's record passenger movement set by hundreds of thousands of returning veterans trying to make it home by Christmas.

Good weather has lured holiday-bent motorists onto the highways in such numbers that the peak Christmas traffic of 1940 was exceeded. Air lines carried more passengers in their augmented fleets than at any previous yuletide season.

Railroads added extra trains and extra cars to regular trains to handle the crowds, but their equipment was not taxed to the breaking point as in 1945.

U.S. Unionists Get State Welcome in Yugoslavia

President Moshia Piada of Yugoslavia welcomed touring delegates of the American Jewish Labor Council at a state luncheon in their honor, Joseph Winogradsky, vice-president

of the CIO Fur and Leather Workers and one of the delegates now touring Europe.

The entire national trade union leadership and the principal political figures of Yugoslavia attended the state luncheon.

President Piada then conducted the delegates on an inspection tour, including a formal visit to the Yugoslav parliament.

The delegation includes Pietro Lucchi, Abraham Feinglass, Harold Goldstein, Sam Burt and Sam Mindel of the Fur and Leather Workers, Morris Gainer, of the AFL Brotherhood of Painters, and Leon Sanders, CIO United Shoe Workers.

The delegation is scheduled to return to this country the week of Jan. 6. A mass meeting and reception is being planned for Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m., at Cooper Union.

Polish Trade Unions Ask Place on Ballot

WARSAW (ALN).—In a move to increase direct labor representation in the forthcoming parliament, the Polish Trade Union Federation has asked the Electoral Bloc of Democratic Parties, which it supports, for the right to place its own labor candidates on the coalition list in the January elections.

In agreeing to campaign actively for the coalition, the federation also asked that the name of the bloc be changed to the Electoral Bloc of Democratic Parties and Trade Unions.

Hot Clue Melts

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Detroit police had a hot clue today, but it melted.

Policemen investigating a safe robbery found a footprint in the snow, carefully picked it up and transferred it to a cooler at police headquarters.

The cooler wasn't cold enough.

Christmas Wish

The Maharajah of Indore, whose income is \$70,000,000 a year, is visiting his daughter, Princess Usha Dava, of Wellesley. Usha Dava father with an income like that.



Green Names AFL Group to Go To Argentina

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President William Green of the AFL today named a committee of union leaders to visit Argentina.

The delegation of five, sent in response to an invitation originally extended by the Peron Government, will be headed by Serafino Romualdi, the AFL's director of activities against the Latin American Confederation of Labor.

The CIO declined the invitation.

The others named by Green are Arnold S. Zander, president of the State, County and Municipal Workers; Lee W. Minton, president, Glass Bottle Blowers; Israel S. Goldberg, vice-president United Hatters, and Miguel Garriga, vice-president of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers.

Stuart Chase Predicts Bust

Economist Stuart Chase yesterday predicted a deflation in the next few months which "may make 1932 look like Bingo night. We might have up to 20,000,000 unemployed... depression is heading north like a hurricane out of the Caribbean, unless something is done to deflect the course."

In an article, *This Month Magazine*, Chase prophesied, along with 70 non-government economists, a fall in prices in the next few months. He did not agree that the individual savings of \$750 billion "regarded by the inflation school as so much TNT" is a factor.

"Americans have become inured to getting along without things. Financial columns are filled with stories of increasing resistance from big buyers and little ones. Savings are pretty well concentrated in the higher brackets where people are looking more for investment than for consumer goods."

Ask Wagner to Act on Bilbo

Sen. Robert F. Wagner was called upon today by the Civil Rights Congress to declare his intention to join actively in the fight to oust Sen. Bilbo on Jan. 3 when the Senate meets.

In a telegram, Dashiell Hammett, president of the organization in New York, expressed concern "because of a lack of assurance from Democratic Senators known to be opposed to Bilboism that they will stand up on the floor of the Senate and back the motions which will be made by the Republicans, to speak and to exercise leadership in this fight so crucial to American democracy."

CRCNY, the telegram informed Wagner, has collected more than 100,000 signatures to a petition urging the Senate to oust Bilbo.

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Powell Leaves
People's Voice

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell yesterday announced the end of his association with the People's Voice.

In his public statement, Powell declared: "When I was elected to Congress two years ago I thought that I would be able to carry on my duties as editor-in-chief of People's Voice and chairman of the Powell-Buchanan Publishing Corp. It became increasingly apparent this was impossible, and so about a year ago I obtained a temporary leave of absence as editor. This, however, was not sufficient because the majority of people think of People's Voice as a newspaper under my personal supervision.

"This is not so and has not been true for the past year and a half. Now that the 80th Congress is about to reconvene I am divorcing myself from all activities except as Minister of the Abyssinian Baptist Church and Chairman of the People's Committee.

"In order that there will be no mistakes concerning my relations with People's Voice I have not only resigned as editor of the People's Voice and Chairman of the Powell-Buchanan Publishing Corp., effective Dec. 10, but I have also sold all my stock. It is apparent that an individual in my position cannot afford to be intimately connected with any enterprise to which he cannot give close supervision. I wish for the People's Voice, its staff and owners, the very best."

Winken, Blynken Nod

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 24.—Ohio sailors Clifford Hale of Petersburg and Joseph Durbin of East Liverpool were back in port today resolved never to doze off again while fishing. Their 16-foot boat drifted 23 miles out in the Atlantic Ocean's high running seas.

The crew of an oil tug went to the rescue when they noticed one of the teen-age youths waving a sweater attached to an oar.

The pair had anchored the open boat Saturday night four miles from here. The anchor line parted and by morning they were far out.



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\$300 Cost-of-Living Bonuses
Voted by Board of Estimate

By Michael Singer

Christmas cheer paid off yesterday for 96,871 city employees when the Board of Estimate, sitting in special sessions, granted \$32,214,810 in cost-of living bonus increases, on the recommendations of the Mayor's Special Committee on Salary Adjustments. The bonus grants will add \$300 for regular city employees,



Xmas Cheer: For some but not for little Alayuk Anngusuk, one and one-half-year-old Eskimo boy, and his dogs, Rowdy and Sonya (the pup). They came from Whale's Island, Alaska, with Alayuk's parents to participate in a Newark department store exhibit. The child and dogs would rather be back in Alaska.

\$400 for policemen and firemen and between \$360 and \$400 for uniformed sanitation department employees. In addition, between 3,500 and 4,000 clerks in the Board of Transportation will receive an additional \$300 cost of living bonus in their annual paychecks. Other city workers affected are part-time women cleaners, institutional workers, Health, Hospital and Welfare Department employees and various categories of maintenance workers.

The bonuses will become effective Jan. 1.

The city also granted school custodians their request for a \$750,000 salary boost.

The custodians, who are hired by the Board of Education as contractors and are organized in the AFL, will get 18 cents an hour more.

The Mayor's Committee put a string on the boosts, however, stating that "inasmuch as any present adjustment is directly relating to rising living costs, which may or may not be permanent, such adjustment should be carried as a cost of living bonus rather than an increase in basic salary."

Mayor O'Dwyer also emphasized that the increases were "bonus increases, made on a cost of living basis and are not increased salaries."

The new bonuses will be in effect then only during the present budget period to July, 1947 but will be spaced out for the entire year.

City employees earning more than \$7,500 were not affected.

Reliable sources say it will be necessary for the city to issue short-term budgetary notes to pay short-term bonuses. These notes are actually a claim on the city's tax budget, which is used in one year and payable out of the next tax budget. Such short-term deficit financing is limited to

Farmer Nabbed
For Hunting Airplanes

ALVA, Okla., Dec. 24.—A farmer, accused of firing three shots at a low-flying airplane, was charged yesterday with assault with intent to kill.

Merle McGill and Marion Gardner, hunting coyotes from the air, said all three shots scored "hits." Two pierced the wings and the third struck about the cockpit, narrowly missing Gardner.

The aviators identified W. B. Hull, 54, as the gunman. They said they were flying low enough to recognize him.

DA Says Second Probe
Of Grid Fix Is in Offing

A new effort by gamblers to influence members of the New York Giants professional football team was disclosed yesterday. The disclosure was made as the trial of Alvin

J. Paris, Broadway playboy and alleged "fixer" of a nationwide gambling ring, on a charge of attempted bribery, was postponed until Jan. 2.

Ida McGuire, movie actress and a friend of Paris, figured in the brief proceedings before Judge Saul S. Strett. The judge said sufficient jurors for a trial would be available on Jan. 2 "assuming the District Attorney will produce Miss McGuire."

The defense contends that Miss McGuire was present at the meeting specified in Paris' indictment and will testify that no attempt was made to bribe Merle Hapes and Frank Filchok, Giants' backfield stars.

"Lucrative" post-season jobs were offered two other Giant players, by the novelty company which Paris heads, it was disclosed. The players were identified as Howard (Howie) Livingston, star halfback, and Victor Carroll, right tackle.

Livingston and Carroll were released after questioning at the District Attorney's office. The players said they "laughed off" the proposal that they "lay down" in the game.

Assistant District Attorney George P. Monaghan told the court yesterday he was eager to get on with the Paris trial because it "is only preliminary to another investigation."

POWELL ASKS CITY TO SHUT
ABIE'S ROSE, SONG OF SOUTH

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell yesterday called on License Commissioner, Benjamin Fielding to use "his powers or to initiate steps in any suitable City Department" to close

down Abie's Irish Rose at the Gotham and Song of the South at the Palace.

In his telegram to Fielding, Powell attacked the two pictures as "not only an insult to American minorities, but an insult to everything that America as a whole stands for."

Abie's Irish Rose, the film version of the Anne Nichols comedy which had a long Broadway run in the Twenties lampoons the marriage of a Jewish boy to an Irish girl and is filled with caricatured Irish and

Jewish stereotypes.

Song of the South glorifies the slave South and shows Negroes as being entirely satisfied with their lot. It too uses the old familiar Hollywood Negro stereotypes.

Powell has further declared his intention of introducing legislation in the 80th Congress that will prohibit the motion picture industry and all other forms of entertainment from using any material "degrading to races, creeds, and religions."

\$5,000,000 by the state constitution and only an amendment to that constitution can boost that sum.

The portion of the increase for the period from Jan. 1, 1947, to June 30, 1947 amounts to \$16,000,000 and this sum will require special state legislation.

City Workers
Hail \$300 Raise
As Good Start

The New York district, CIO United Public Workers, yesterday hailed the Board of Estimate's action in granting a \$300 annual increase to 97,000 city employees as an "important step toward raising city salaries up to present-day living costs."

Jack Bigel, district president, said the Board action "represents a realistic recognition by the city administration that city employees cannot exist on present price levels without sizable salary adjustments."

"The United Public Workers of America," Bigel said, "have been campaigning since last July for a \$600 annual increase for all city employees. We are gratified that the City agrees with our main arguments. The Board action is a good beginning toward achieving the \$600 that City employees need."

"We intend to continue our efforts to win the full \$600. The forthcoming 1947-48 Budget will find the City in a more flexible financial position. The same reason that convinced the City to break all precedents by granting wage increases in the middle of the fiscal year apply with redoubled emphasis to the 1947-48 budget."

Broadway Stars At
Xmas Party for Hospital

Broadway celebrities will entertain at a children's Christmas party for the benefit of Sydenham Hospital, which will be held this Saturday at 2 p.m. at Imperial Hall Auditorium, 160 W. 160 St. The party is sponsored by the interracial summer Camp Wo-chi-Co.

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A CHRISTMAS STORY

By Herb Tank

AT SEA

"RED WAS WHAT we called him. I don't think I ever knew his real name. I was shipmates with him in 1942 on an old rust-bucket tanker. That was the last trip he ever finished. The next trip finished him. I heard he got torpedoed in the Mozambique channel off the east coast of Africa.

"Red" was an oldtimer. A rank and filer. I don't know how long he had been going to sea. Before the strike in 1921 I know, because he told me all about that strike once. I don't know exactly what his politics were either. At various times he called himself a radical, a "Red," and a philosophical anarchist.

I remember coming up to relieve him one night on lookout when we were in the Indian Ocean. He was standing up on the bow, staring straight ahead, and cursing softly to himself. "What are you cussing about, Red?" I asked. "I'm not cussing," he said, "I'm protesting. It's a long time a-coming." I asked him what was a long time a-coming. "Socialism," he growled. "I'm rotten ripe for it."

Christmas time is what made me think of Red. I got to thinking about the story Red told me about the Negro messboy whose father was a preacher. I don't know whether Red made up the story himself, or whether he read it someplace. Maybe he picked it up when he was a "wobbly." It has the flavor of a "wobbly" story.

"THIS IS THE story of Jerusalem Slim," Red said slowly rolling himself a cigarette, his gaunt face staring at the floor intent on his story. "Jerusalem

Slim," he repeated, "and the Twelve Bildestiffs."

"A long time ago there was this Carpenter, a tall slim fellow. That's why I call him Slim. Well this Carpenter Slim piled his trade somewhere around the Mediterranean ports. In some burg called Nazereth, I think. He was a good head. It didn't take him no time at all and he knew what the score was.

"This Carpenter saw the way the world was, and the way working stiff like Himself were getting kicked around, and he got to thinking about it. Got to thinking maybe poor people ought to stick together a little more. Got to thinking 'two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor.

"For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow.' Something like that. What I mean is this Carpenter found out about the necessity of the brotherhood of man. The necessity, you understand. Well, like a lot of good stiff when they find out what the score is, this guy Slim didn't want to keep it to himself. He got to preaching about these things. First thing you know He was organizing.

"SLIM THE CARPENTER was going around to the fishermen and the farmers and the other working stiff, talking to them and organizing them. Pretty soon He had an organization with other guys organizing, too. Twelve organizers He had. Twelve bildestiffs who went around preaching the line that the Carpenter had figured out. After a while it began to have some effect.

"The fat boys began to get worried. The big boys over in Rome didn't like it at all. 'Got to get rid of this agitator,' they said. 'Got to put an end to this radical talk.' One of the big wheels among the fat boys put his goon squads on the job. They went fishing around the twelve bildestiffs figuring they ought to be able to buy at least one of them off.

"Sure enough, one of the twelve bildestiffs was ready to rat for a price. And his price was cheap, too. Thirty pieces of silver bought him off and he informed on the Carpenter. Then the vigilantes, the stormtroopers, turned on the radical Carpenter and they lynched Him."

Red nodded his head and scratched his chin thoughtfully. "They lynched Him alright," he said softly.

Robber Gets Christmas Spirit



CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Ruth Fagan, employe of a lingerie shop, turned on the tears last night when a young and susceptible robber worse than I ordered her to

"give me all the money in your cash register." Weeping copiously, Miss Fagan handed him \$11 and sobbed, "That's all I took in today."

The holdup man looked at his loot, then said gruffly, "Take it back, you need it worse than I do."



What! No Santa: Eight-month-old Richard Chu is mad because Shavey Lee, jovial mayor of Chinatown, has just proved to him that there is no Santa Claus by taking off his false beard.



ROYAL POMP IN ENGLAND

By Malcolm Ewen

Readers have indicated an interest in how British Communists feel about the pomp and ceremony of the British monarchic government. We therefore reprint the following interesting article published in the London Daily Worker Nov. 11, on the eve of the opening of Parliament.

THE LABOR GOVERNMENT'S program for the new session of Parliament will be announced tomorrow by His Majesty King George the Sixth, of Great Britain, Ireland and the Dominions beyond the Seas (and Emperor of India) in "the King's Speech."

He will drive in one of the State coaches with glass sides to give the public a better view, and an escort of cavalry, from Buckingham Palace to the Houses of Parliament.

On arrival, he will walk in procession through the Royal Gallery to the House of Lords.

From there he will dispatch the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to the House of Commons. In accordance with tradition, the door of the Commons is shut in his face, and he knocks three times before he is admitted.

Advancing toward the Speaker's Chair, Black Rod says, "Mr. Speaker, the King Commands this honourable House to attend His Majesty immediately in the House of Peers."

The Speaker then leads the Members of the House of Commons to the bar of the Lords, where they remain standing while the King reads the Speech, from a copy which has been handed to him by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Jowitt, kneeling upon one knee.

IN THE AFTERNOON, the House of Commons reassembles to hear the Speaker read the Speech.

Two back-bench Labour Members will then move and second an Address thanking the King for His Gracious Speech.

The debate on the King's Speech follows.

It is not possible for the Opposition to move the rejection of the King's Speech, as that would be disrespectful to His Majesty. But they can, and usually do, move an amendment to add words to the Address expressing regret that the Gracious Speech includes, for example, the nationalization of the railways.

All this antiquated ceremonial involves a considerable disturbance and annoyance to the Houses of Commons, who have been occupying the Lords' Chamber since their own was destroyed in the blitz.

They have to give the chamber back to the Lords for the day, and use the much smaller St. Stephen's Hall, in which special stands have to be built for the Press, and a special door constructed so that it can be shut in the face of Black Red.

Not only do the Commons have

to troop to the Lords twice—once to hear the Speech, and once to take over the Chamber again for their own use—they have also to accept an inferior position when the Speech is read.

Labor's program is divulged in the first place primarily to the Peers, big businessmen who have come down from the city and landowners who have come up from the country.

It is a big day for Society, with a capital "S," even if the Duchesses have not yet resumed their tiaras and the Peers their robes.

This is indeed a strange setting for a supposedly Socialist program. But it is no more odd than the constitutional theories on which the whole ceremony rests.

THE GOVERNMENT is not, as the man in the street supposes, the people's Government, but the Kings.

Members of Parliament, Ministers, Civil servants and members of the armed forces owe their allegiance and loyalty not to the people but to the King.

For most practical purposes, it is true, the King is a mere cipher, doing what he is told. But although the King's powers have been whittled away to an enormous extent, the outward forms still conceal some remaining powers that are rarely, if ever, used, but are available for use by the ruling class in an emergency.

Although the ceremonial, the bowing and scraping, the trooping here and there, the waste of time and the affronts to their dignity annoyed some Labour Members when they experienced it for the first time last year, others worship tradition or defend it on the ground that it brightens the lives of the people.

Well, the people see little of it, apart from the state drive to

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WORTH REPEATING

An editorial in the CIO United Electrical Workers' UE News blasts the argument that business interests want to reduce prices: "There is disgusting hypocrisy in the argument that big business is anxious to reduce prices. The corporations fought like wild cats to get rid of OPA and have not at this moment yet ended the price-boasting spree that the death of OPA permits them. How can it be argued that big business wants to reduce prices when every effort of big business has been to win legal sanction to raise them? OPA never prevented any prices from going down. It was because OPA didn't allow the profiteers to raise prices as fast as they wished that the profiteers finally managed to kill OPA."

News Columnist Besmirches Roosevelt

THE NEWS' John O'Donnell, unmoved by any Yuletide spirit of forgiveness, devotes his column to an obscene charge relating to the sanity of President Roosevelt during the years he led our country to victory over the Axis.

THE MIRROR, more in tune with the season, orates that "Our Judaic-Christian civilization is not based on hatred. It is based on love. It is founded upon the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God." Further on in the editorial it turns out that the *Mirror* is pleading for love for our late enemies in Germany and Japan.

The *Mirror's* text for today: ... "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."—John, viii, 32. Amen.

THE TIMES finds the portal-to-portal pay suits "peculiarly disturbing and harassing" and urges that the new Congress act without "unnecessary delay" to get the bosses out from under. The *Times* was in no hurry for Congress to act when price control died last spring. The idea that workers should be paid for all time spent on the bosses' property or at his disposal offends the dignity of the pompous gentlemen of 43rd Street.

The *Times* is also peculiarly disturbed by the Dairen incident. It demands "an elucidation of the whole situation now prevailing in Manchuria"—but does not elucidate that a Standard Oil representative was the cause of this serious incident. It is not disturbed apparently, that our Navy should be used as a ferry service for a concern that has smeared our flag with oil and blood on more than one occasion.

THE HERALD TRIBUNE has a Christmas Eve feeling that the international meeting just ended in New York did a lot of good for peace on earth and good will toward men. As they did. The *Trib* found British Foreign Secretary Bevin's report to his countrymen "neither clear nor incisive." It apologizes that Bevin "knew himself to be under attack by a considerable element of his own party for his failure to establish a Socialist foreign policy. Any defense by Bevin of his policy on Greece or Spain or Palestine or almost anywhere else could hardly be 'clear and incisive.'"

The *Trib* loses its Christmas feeling, however, when it thinks about those portal-to-portal pay suits. Dropping the Santa Claus beard, it snarls:

"We have repeatedly remonstrated against the wage-hour law as a strait-jacket. . . Here is the proof. Instead of permitting the conditions of work . . . to be determined by collective bargaining . . . it suddenly becomes the province of the Supreme Court." Look who's championing collective bargaining!

WORLD - TELEGRAM foreign editor William Philip Simms preaches a pretty sermon of forgiveness and generosity toward the Japanese, not forgetting to get in a crack that implies it was the Russians, not us, that are responsible for the bombs falling on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

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Merry Christmas!

To our readers and friends:

It is with heartfelt feelings of gratitude that we say to you all Merry Xmas.

We have, together, faced our common difficulties in a comradely spirit, without fear of the joyless forces arrayed against us.

We want a world of real merriment where the anxieties that make life difficult for common people will have disappeared. In our fight, the spirit of goodwill toward mankind is paramount.

Good cheer and good fun!

The editors, the staff and management.

The Dairen Incident

"HEADLINE mentality" is what FDR used to call it rather scornfully, referring to the trick of the newspapers to blow things up out of all proportion. Or to the rather shabby trick of creating hysteria in order to push events in a reactionary direction.

The incident at Dairen, it seems to us, comes under the head of "headline hysteria."

Our view is that the entire affair has been joyfully seized upon by certain forces in our country which are alarmed that "peace is breaking out."

The facts are that a Wall Street representative, an agent of the Rockefeller oil empire, was using official American Navy facilities to further the private interests of a private corporation.

Certain of our government officials were quite willing to use their authority to further the interests of the Standard Oil monopoly in the Far East.

Out of this combination grew the headline about the Dairen incident in which it has been made to appear that our national interests were affronted by some minor Soviet officials in the Dairen port.

Cause for Alarm

Yet, as the State Department has officially informed the country, no illegality was committed by the Soviet officials, and no friction occurred when the Navy asked for the usual courtesies of the port.

It was only when the interests of the Standard Oil Co. were pressed beyond the legal limits that our vessel was asked to proceed in accord with the previous agreement.

Such are the facts. What should alarm the country, it seems to us, is not the headline interpretation given to them, but the realization that private Wall Street interests—which are not the interests of the vast majority of the American people—are behind the effort to prevent peace from "breaking out."

What should alarm thinking people of all shades of political opinion is that there appears to be a deliberate effort to nullify the advances for peace made at the recent United Nations and foreign ministers' negotiations.

It seems to be a political certainty that as soon as America and the Soviet Union make some progress toward settling their differences, another "incident" will make its appearance in the press to cancel that progress. There is a powerful group in the U.S. which is out to prevent American-Soviet friendship from developing "too far."

Yet why need these "incidents" develop at all? There is no need for them. They should be avoided for the sake of friendship and stable peace.

It seems to us that one important way to avoid them is to stop using the country's armed forces for the sake of the private interests of the Standard Oil Co. Private corporations should not be permitted to jeopardize the peace of the country for their private gain.

FALSE NOTE



Letters From Our Readers

A "Big Bouquet" For Barney

New York, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

In the fashion of a well-known columnist, a big bouquet to your Broadway correspondent, Barnard Rubin. His material is interesting, and the column is very attractive and certainly helps the paper.

If this is an improvement of the paper as a result of the questionnaire it is an excellent one. I am looking forward to others.

A READER.

Look Out, Santa!

Grafton, Ill.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Observing various phenomena peculiar to this season of the year has caused me to wonder: Why hasn't the Wood-Rankin Un-American Committee started an investigation of Kris Kringle, an individual much in evidence these days who has the audacity to appear in public clad in a red suit and false whiskers, obviously a disguise assumed for the purpose of spying on the stocks of our department stores.

Not only these suspicious activities should be investigated. It has been established by reliable sources that this person, who also is known as Santa Claus, has come here, not from, but from practically all of the countries of Europe. Not being a native product, he is undoubtedly un-American. SLATEN BRAY.

Friends Favored in Issuing Export Licenses

New York, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

The democratic new governments of Romania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia are lumped together with Fascist Franco Spain for economic sanctions by the United States. In export shipments you have to secure a special license for these countries—three democratic and one fascist.

The only difference is that in the case of the three democracies it is difficult to obtain a license, but the friends of Franco in the State Department see to it that there is little trouble in shipping to Spain anything that helps the Franco to stay alive. EMPSY.

Let's Face It

THE FLYNN-FARLEY FEUD

by Max Gordon

BACK FROM A STRATEGIC absence abroad, Jim Farley has been engaging in a hot battle of words with Democratic Boss Ed Flynn of the Bronx. Boss Flynn is also the Democratic national committeeman from New York.

It seems as if Farley is highly dissatisfied with the way the Democrats performed in his absence and wants the present leaders — national and state — to get out.

His chief complaint, publicly, is that these leaders have allowed the Democratic tie-up with PAC and other progressive independent outfits to continue. Such groups are, to Farley, "subversive." They undermine the tweedle-dum, tweedle-dee two party setup in American politics.

The one-time national and state chairman maintains that this tieup was the main reason why the Democrats flopped. He's all wet, of course.

IF THERE IS anything about the late-lamented elections on which there is wide agreement, it is that the Democrats lost heavily because of the actions of one, Harry S. Truman. And the particular actions of President Truman that caused all this grief to the Democrats were those in which he BROKE the programmatic tie-up with these independent progressive groups. Which means he broke with the majority of the American people who pretty generally agree on a program with these groups.

What Farley demands is more of these Truman antics, which will mean more grief to Democrats, not less. Farley, incidentally, is all for Truman for a second term.

Peculiarly, Boss Ed Flynn, with whom Farley is feuding most sharply at the moment, is also pretty much against a tieup with the independent progressive outfits. He refused to allow his Democratic candidates in the Bronx even to accept American Labor Party backing, with the result that some of them got licked.

Flynn, too, is very much in favor of getting back to the "two-party" system, with the Democrats acting as Tweedle-dum to the Republicans' tweedle-dee, or maybe its the other way around.

Yet the battle between the two men, and the forces they repre-

sent in the Democratic Party, is not entirely a sham one. For instance, in the recent election, Flynn, though he would have liked to isolate and destroy the ALP, decided it was the better part of valor to go along with it on a statewide scale. Farley was dead against any such tieup.

THE BREAK between the two men came when Farley broke with FDR back in 1939. Flynn was shrewd enough to know that the Democrats could not win without FDR and swung into line behind him. Farley, bitterly opposed to the political direction taken by FDR, went into the opposition and tried to take over leadership of the anti-FDR forces in the Democratic Party. He succeeded right smartly in that endeavor, but failed to take those forces very far after he took over leadership.

It is generally reported that Flynn also had personal reasons for going along with FDR, and this is what Farley apparently meant when he talked the other day about the need for leadership that is not concerned primarily with "personal preference."

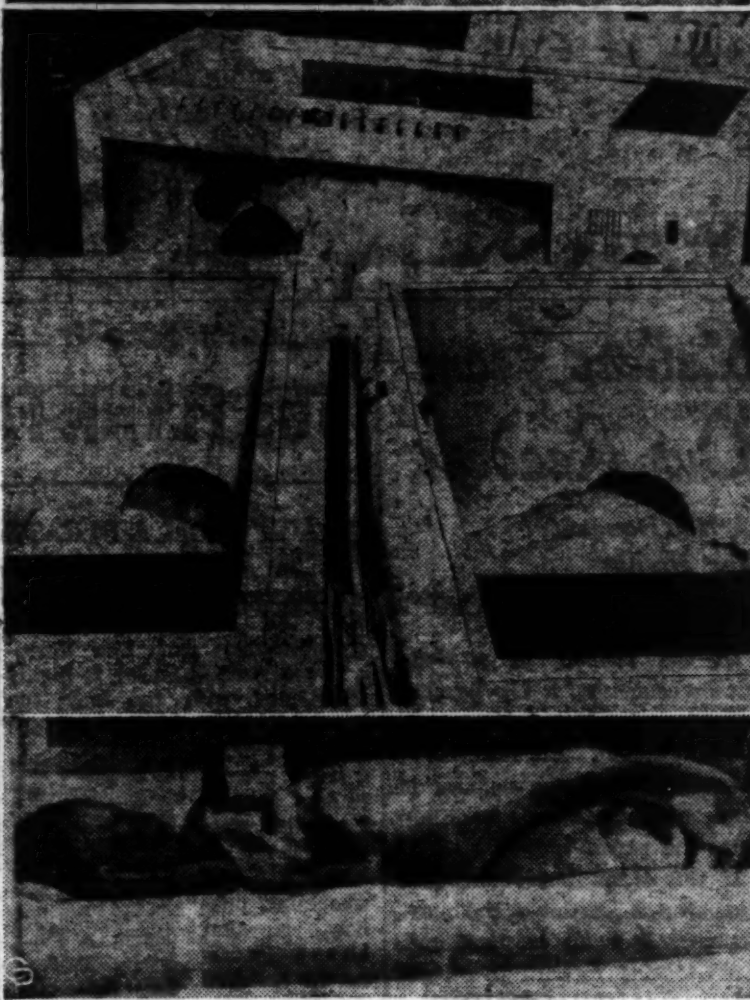
Now FDR is no more, and Flynn has been traveling in the wrong direction of regular machine Democratic politicians, which means away from FDR's policies. Nevertheless, he is still feuding with Farley and the feud may have its own line of development.

One thing is certain. The real battle within the Democratic Party, the one that will determine what kind of Presidential candidate and program it will adopt, will not depend on the battle between Farley and Flynn. It will depend on the organization of the great mass of progressive Democratic rank-and-file voters to fight for progressive leadership within that party, and for a progressive program that will give the country genuine peace, progress, democracy and security.

This organization will generally have to take place before the primary battles for party leadership in many states and localities next fall, and certainly before the preferential primaries and the election of delegates to the national Democratic convention in the spring of 1948.

The Henns And Their Brood

MRS. DOROTHY HENN of Baltimore (extreme right, top), reads the news about what happened to her at the hospital. A war bride from England, Mrs. Henn's quadruplets—three boys and a girl—are doing nicely in their incubators. Her husband, Charles Henn Jr., a war vet (top, left) looks puzzled, to say the least, although he told the reporters he wasn't "worried" by having four more kids in his family to take care of. Henn does have something to brood about. Top, center, is Dr. Thomas S. Bower, who delivered the quadruplets. The Henn quadruplets (below) rest quietly in their incubators, unaware of all the commotion they have created in newspapers all over the nation. The quadruple births had been anticipated since November when X-rays showed four embryos. The Henns have another son, Johnny, 15 months old.



Royal Pomp

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Westminster, and it might not be a bad thing to devise a new ceremonial in which the people and not a decaying aristocracy and city financiers play the leading role.

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Small Asks Scrapping Of Last of Controls

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Former Civilian Production Chief John D. Small urged President Truman today to scrap the Government's remaining wartime controls as fast as possible.

In a final report on his CPA stewardship, Small, who quit three weeks ago when his agency was absorbed into the new Office of Temporary Controls said only about a score of the 700 Government controls now remain.

He asserted that industrial production throughout the reconversion period was at least 50 percent greater than during the late 1930's.

Santa Visits Striking '65ers'

Santa Claus paid a special call at the headquarters of the CIO Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Union, Local 65, last night to extend the season's greetings to two groups of striking members and their families.

Santa left behind him a huge sackload of toys for children of the strikers, and several thousands of dollars in cash to guarantee a merry Christmas for all.

And although the fund was initiated on behalf of 130 members on strike at New York Merchandise Co., 32 W. 23 St., to be used as they saw fit, these strikers voted at a meeting on Dec. 23 to include in the benefits of the fund another group of Local 65 strikers—the 23 outside salesmen of the Schleffelin Drug Co.

He said the only important shortage remaining is in the housing field, and that all but 900,000 of the 20,000,000 demobilized war workers and 10,500,000 discharged servicemen now have been absorbed into the peacetime economy.

Small attacked strikes as a danger to production, but said nothing about the monopolies' sitdown force prices up.

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Coming

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION will be held at the School of Jewish Studies, 13 Astor Place, Saturday, Dec. 29th, 8:30 p.m. The program will consist of Community Singing, with Mandy Shain; folk and social dancing with Plute Pete; music, recitations and refreshments. Admission 75¢.

Philadelphia

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Celebrates Xmas On Stolen Trolley Ride

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Keneth Bowers, 24, ex-motorman, confessed the ding-dong of a trolley bell with Christmas carols today. It gave him the urge to join the yuletide chorus.

Bowers stole the car when its motorman stopped for a cup of coffee. Then he took it on a five-

mile jaunt along a regularly traveled route before police nipped him at the end of the line. He was charged with larceny of a trolley.

But—he had the perfect witness that he obeyed all traffic lights along the way. An unsuspecting policeman was a passenger during the trip.

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Parley Backs Laundry Workers Striking in Winston-Salem, N. C.

The largest conference of Negro organizations in the history of Winston-Salem, N. C., southern tobacco center, recently adopted a five-point program of support for the civil liberties and demands of 500 striking laundry workers, out since Oct. 16. Details of the conference were revealed yesterday by the CIO Fur and Leather Workers, which was assigned the task of organizing the laundry workers by the CIO last August.

The 500 laundry workers are on strike against 27 cents and 30 cents an hour wage; for decent working conditions and for union recognition. The majority are Negroes. Thirteen Negro strikers were arrested and sentenced to prison terms ranging from 30 days to 18 months

since the strike crippled 5 laundries two months ago.

Recommendations adopted by the conference included full support to the strikers; organization of special committees of representatives of the organizations present to visit scabs and urge them to stay out of the struck plants; full support of the boycott of the struck laundries; all possible financial aid for strike relief and for the court cases of the arrested pickets; and a program of mass meetings throughout the Negro community to enlist the widest possible active support of the strikers.

A continuations committee was elected by the conference. Members are Rev. Edward Gholson; Rev. Pitts; J. R. Gleaves of the Civic Progressive League; C. C. Kellam, Chairman of the local chapter of

the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Robert Black, co-chairman of the FTA-CIO Tobacco Workers local; Jethro Dunlap, CIO; Bishop S. M. Ceaser; Rev. Kenneth Williams, head of the local chapter of the American Veterans Committee and Rev. Ward.

Organizations represented at the conference included NAACP, American Veterans Committee, National Negro Congress, Civic Progressive League, Insurance Agents, Negro Chamber of Commerce; the Ministerial Alliance which represents 83 Negro churches; CIO Furniture Workers Union; Safe Bus Drivers, CIO Transport Workers Union; FTA-CIO Barbers Association; Beauticians; Cotton Club and a number of Negro businessmen and professionals.

Chiang Appoints Two Stooges To Take Over Chinese Unions

After forcing Chairman Chu Hsueh-fan of the Chinese Association of Labor to flee to Hongkong, the Chinese Nationalist government of Chiang Kai-shek is now attempting to "reorganize" the CAL by placing two of its stalwarts in the top posts of the labor organization, Allied Labor News reports.

The two men, whose task it will be to keep the unions under Chiang's thumb, are An Fu-ting, slated to be president, and Shen Ping, a government official, as secretary-general.

Chu, the legal CAL president, was run over by an unidentified automobile in Hongkong and has been hospitalized with a broken rib. He claims that Chiang Kai-shek's agents plotted to kill him.

Meanwhile Allied Labor News learned from a source close to Chu that a committee of government of-

ficials has been set up to run the welfare centers donated to Chinese labor by AFL and CIO unions. The Chinese authorities had previously answered U.S. labor protests against the seizure of these centers by stating they had been returned to the CAL.

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Fifty percent of the proceeds of the Progressive Forum concert Sunday, Dec. 29, at 8:30 p.m. will go to the Sydenham Hospital, only interracial hospital in New York City.

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HOPEFUL HERMAN Talmadge, son-of-a-Georgia Governor-elect who was buried Monday, is being plugged as next Governor of that state. Governor Ellis Arnall has announced he will not retain the office. Lieutenant - Governor elect M. E. Thompson claims the job, but the state constitution (yes, Georgia has one) doesn't say what happens when a governor-elect dies before taking office. Herman's boosters want the legislature to vote him into office. They elected his father with a minority of Georgia's vote, so the procedure seems quite normal to them.

Arnall pointed out that Thompson was elected "to succeed to the Governor's office if for any reason the governor then elected was unable to serve."

Births

The executive and membership of Lodge 72, IPFO, send greetings to Brother and Sister Levy on the arrival of their daughter. Lots of luck to them. LODGE 72.

In Memoriam

To the memory of HY GREENSPAN, dear Husband and Brother, who fell in the war against fascism. We will never forget the fine young hero who gave his life in the struggle to keep alive our freedom.

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To Rose Cohen: The loss of our dear Comrade Bill is deeply felt by all of us who worked with him and loved him. We will strive to keep up his work, as he would have wanted it—to build a better world.

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...The Duquesne Players Said 'NO'

By Lester Rodney

The full dramatic story of the spurning of Tennessee University's Jimcrow request by the Duquesne University basketball team Monday night was pieced together by the Daily Worker yesterday. Here are the facts, largely unreported in the New York press:

A capacity crowd of 2,600 was in its seats in the Duquesne gymnasium at McKeesport, Pennsylvania. The Tennessee and Duquesne teams were on the floor practicing. Tennessee coach John W. Mauer went over to Duquesne coach Chick Davies to thank him for complying with Tennessee's written request to keep Charley Cooper, a Negro substitute, out of the game.

There was the rub. Mauer had sent the letter two weeks before the game and not receiving a reply had assumed a Duquesne acquiescence to the discrimination. Davies told Mauer that he

was using Cooper in the game, as in all other games. When Mauer told Davies that Tennessee would not play unless Cooper was kept out, Davies weakened and said Cooper wasn't a starter and wouldn't be used unless the game was close and he would be needed.

Mauer issued a flat ultimatum demanding a guarantee that Cooper would not play. Davies decided to put it up to the entire Duquesne squad.

The squad was gathered in the dressing room and Davies told the players the story. Cooper, a freshman, stepped forward first and said it would be OK with him if the squad decided to play without him as he didn't want to be the cause of the cancellation of the game. Cooper incidentally is a veteran of 16 months in the Navy. The majority of the Duquesne players are also veterans. Last Friday Duquesne played against Morehead Teachers at Louisville, Kentucky, and Cooper not only became the first Negro to play on the Louisville court but also scored the winning point for Duquesne. (Jackie Robinson, playing in the Little World Series

AN EDITORIAL

Congratulations to Duquesne University's players for refusing to play against Tennessee without Charley Cooper, Negro member of the team. As for Tennessee—they should be barred from appearing on the Madison Square Garden court until they learn some simple Americanism. The day has long past when any self respecting college should yield to Ku Klux-like requests to ban members of its teams who happen to be Negroes. We just fought a war against that kind of thing. And out in Pasadena, California, on New Years Day the Illinois University football's biggest even, with four Negroes as members of its team, football's biggest even, with four Negroes as members of its team.

with Montreal against the Louisville baseball team in September, had been the first Negro to take part in a mixed sports event in Louisville).

The members of the Duquesne squad listened to Coach Davies' presentation of the Tennessee ultimatum, listened to Cooper's offer to withdraw and then unanimously agreed they wouldn't play unless Cooper played as always.

Davies told the Tennessee coach the decision of the Duquesne players and the game was called off. The crowd had been unaware of what was going on up till this former Congressman (D) from point. Then Judge Samuel Weiss,

the McKeesport area and a member of the Duquesne Athletic Council, took the announcer's microphone and said, "Speaking as a member of the Duquesne Athletic Council I insist that no player be barred from this game by reason of race, color or creed. The principle of the entire matter means more to us than a mere basketball game."

It was further learned that Duquesne authorities will immediately inform Miami University, with whom a game is scheduled at Miami on January 16, that Cooper will remain a member of the team for that game. If Miami doesn't like it the game will be cancelled.

During the recent football season Penn State cancelled a game with Miami because the Florida authorities objected to the presence of two Negro players. The University of Nevada cancelled a game with Mississippi State for the same reason.

Tennessee's basketball team played Saturday night in Madison Square Garden in New York and was knocked out of the unbeaten ranks by Long Island University, 42-32. LIU has no Negro players this year, but has had many in the past, including Bill King, star of a national championship team. Several Southern teams played against LIU and King, both during the regular season's play and in the National Invitation Tournament at the Garden.

Western Kentucky State also played against a Negro player without comment when it met OCNV, with Bill Phillips, in the 1941 tournament. OCNV, only undefeated New York team at this and a prominent early candidate for a spot in the 1947 tournament, has three Negro players on its squad.

In this CORNER

About a Great Catch

Of Ty Cobb's

By Bill Mardo

THE MAILMAN cometh and this time he's got a lulu. It's a letter from Fred Briehl, veteran Communist leader in the farm country of upper New York State and oldtime athlete to boot. The wiry man from Walkill used to play a bit of semi-pro baseball and if ever you want a scientific explanation of how to throw a curve, pay farmer Fred a visit and listen to him tell about the air banking on one side of the ball when you're throwing an inshot, and how it stacks up on the other side when snapping the ball off your wrist with an outshoot.

Ah yes. But enough of that, leave us not linger with Fred's interesting missive:

"Here is a story I promised to give you a long time ago, a story of the greatest catch in all baseball history. This is a first-hand story, I was there to see it.

"It took place in Washington, D. C. in the year 1918 in a game between Detroit and Washington. Two incomparables were on the field that day, the late Walter Johnson pitching for Washington, and Ty Cobb playing the outfield for Detroit. The game was tight. About the 7th inning, Washington was at bat. With two out and a man on second, the batter sent a Texas leaguer directly over second base. The runner was off with the crack of the bat, dug in his spikes, rounded third, and was headed for home.

"There was not a single soul there that day, players or spectators, who did not figure it a sure hit and a winning run. That is, everybody with the possible exception of Ty Cobb. No one gave Cobb a thought. He was nowhere in the picture. Suddenly we noticed him tearing in from center field with the speed of an express train; no, he could not make it, and then something happened. Cobb himself, in that split second, seeing he couldn't make it, did something. He DOVE and SLID for about 12 feet, not for the ball but for that spot on the ground where the ball was going to land. Ball and glove reached that spot at the same instant but Cobb's glove was under the ball, and he held it!

"Bill, I tell you I know a great catch when I see one—being an ex semi-pro baseball player myself. There isn't one player in a thousand would even attempt such a catch, and there isn't one in ten thousand who could have made it. Making one-handed catches of long flies over one shoulder, I know, looks very spectacular, but such catches happen every day. This catch of Ty Cobb's is one that happens once in a lifetime and for sheer daring and skill has anything topped that I ever saw.

"Fraternalty Yours,
"FRED BRIEHL."

They Pick Wrasslin' and Ernie

Eddie Garfield referred to in the first letter is the same Garfield who handles our sports correspondence in New England.

Sports Contest Editor:

Here is my contribution to the best sports event of the season contest. It concerns a sport held in disdain by your department—wrestling. The participants are Eddie Garfield and half a chicken. The place is a restaurant at dinner time. The match was definitely one-sided. One hundred and eighty

pounds of Garfield against one pound of chicken. Garfield attacked his opponent with gusto. A flying tackle, a half-nelson, a toe-hold, a body-scissors; Garfield going strong, his opponent weakening. Garfield tears his foe limb from limb, and bite-by-bite, swallow after swallow. The poor over-matched chicken goes down for the count, 10, 20, 100—for all time.

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Sports Contest Editor:

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Well, the ball was passed to Calverly who was beyond midcourt (about 65 feet from the basket) and with a flip of his wrists the ball sailed thru the air and right through the hoop to tie it up. The entire Garden was in a frenzy for they saw something that was about impossible.

This gets my vote as the outstanding sports thrill the year. Incidentally, Rhode Island went on to win the game in overtime.

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Oregon's Tactics, And Class Did It

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The first half ended 37-37 after as spectacular an exhibition of offensive basketball and shotmaking as the Garden has ever seen. Both teams were red hot and neither man to man defense could stop the other's attack.

Then came the second half and Oregon showed what must be noted as a tactical superiority. Its defense useless in the first half, it went into a zone defense, while NYU continued to play ball the only way it knew how. The zone, with man to man pickup and lots of handwaving, stymied the Violets. For instance, Don Forman, layup specialist, who scored 15 points in the first half, never scored in the second.

But it wasn't defense that won for Oregon. NYU did score 65 points. The constantly maintained speed downcourt and incredible accuracy on one handers pitched on the dead run told the story.

THE PLAYERS look for the Daily Worker basketball articles. . . . Follow the season right through the March playoffs in New York's most exciting sports page.

line undefeated teams at season's end. Tough schedules and the difficulty of staying "up" against all the very good teams around will take care of that.

Ace Says Enough

The veteran Ace Parker, admitting to 31 years, is through with football, he said on the eve of the Yankee-Brown playoff. The former Duke All American played most of his pro ball with poor Brooklyn teams but was rated All League several times.

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BOOKS — FILMS — THE ARTS

Abie's Irish Rose

An All-Time Low For Hollywood

By David Platt

Bing Crosby Productions received so many protests on *Abie's Irish Rose*, they were forced to make nine cuts in the picture a few days before it opened at the Gotham. They cut some of the most offensive lines such as "that Jew person," "sure I'm sure she's Jewish—that's why I love her," and "I should pay \$100 hire for \$3 and save \$97."

But even if they had made 90 cuts in the dialogue, it wouldn't have lessened its dangerous appeal to racial and religious prejudice.

No amount of cutting could improve a picture which begins and ends with the lie that a deep-seated antagonism exists between Jews and Catholics.

No amount of cutting could undo the exaggerated accents, shoulder-shrugging, upturned palms and the general behavior of the actors portraying these vicious caricatures.

Almost every scene in *Abie's Irish Rose* contains a suggestion of anti-Semitism or anti-Catholicism. The film is all the coarse jokes against Jews and Irish rolled into one. It plays around heartlessly with foreign-sounding names and words like "kosherfood," "ham," "Christmas." A Jewish wedding is made the butt of crude jokes. The religious scenes, particularly, are in the worst possible taste.

But why go on enumerating the offenses of a film which tops the "Can You Top This" radio program for insults against minority groups.

Let it be said that nothing like *Abie's Irish Rose* has come out of Hollywood in a quarter of a century. One has to go back to the silent era—to the Keystone comedies to find anything resembling this malicious libel which deserves to be picketed into oblivion.

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- 8:00-WNBC—Dennis Day Show
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- WJZ—Lum 'n' Abner
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- WMCA—News; U.N. Records
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- 8:15-WJZ—F. H. LaGuardia
- 8:30-WNBC—The Great Gildersleeve
- WOR—It's Up to Youth
- WJZ—Fishing and Hunting Club
- WCBS—Dr. Christian
- 8:45-WMCA—Talk—Norman Stabler
- 8:55-WNBC—Bill Henry, News
- 9:00-WNBC—Duffy's Tavern, With Ed Gardner
- WOR—Gabriel Heatter
- WJZ—The Affairs of Ann Scotland, Sketch—Arline Francis
- WCBS—Frank Sinatra, Songs
- WMCA—News; Christmas Concert
- WQXR—News; Concert Hall
- 9:15-WOR—Real Stories
- 9:30-WNBC—Mr. District Attorney

Other Critics on 'Abie's Irish Rose'

Celia Ager, PM: "Examined from the most favorable possible viewpoint, the producers (Bing Crosby Productions) of *Abie's Irish Rose*—and its exhibitors—will look merely irresponsible, ignorant of their duties as citizens of the nation and the world, and panderers to anything for a laugh, and therefore, for a buck."

Joe Pihodna, Herald-Tribune: "... The old jokes about the Jews and the Irish have not only been squeezed dry, they create at this stage in civilized progress a peculiar embarrassment among listeners."

T. M. F., N. Y. Times: "... Laughter stems from the exaggerated racial and religious prejudices of Solomon Levy and Patrick Murphy... but somehow in this day one does not relish this sort of humor. In fact, it is downright embarrassing to see characters upon the screen insulting each other because one happens to be a Jew and the other an Irish Catholic."

Irene Thirer, Post: "There can be no objection to *Abie's Irish Rose* on religious grounds. If a mediocre little movie like the Gotham's current conception of Anne Nichols' marathon comedy preaches anything, it's tolerance. You certainly don't get provoked with any special person or race in the picture..."

Allen Cook, World-Telegram: "One long wrangle between the harassed old Jewish father and his angry Irish counterpart... not much harm in it... but not much entertainment."

Wanda Hale, Daily News: "A mixture of good comedy and bad comedy with good performance and bad performance... Most of the humor, especially that which depends upon the scrapping of the bigoted fathers of the couple, is sadly flat and unfunny, a fault due mostly to the ridiculously exaggerated performances of Michael Chekhov and J. M. Kerrigan."

Sydenham Hospital Operatic Benefit

Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* will be performed Thursday, Dec. 26, at the Provincetown Playhouse, 133 MacDougal St., in a special benefit for Sydenham Hospital. The members of the Light Opera Theatre, which is a co-operative group, voted to give 100 percent of the box-office receipts to the campaign to save the hospital. Featured players are: Ruth Ladd, Ray Arlen, John Francis, and Ralph Arnold. The company is directed by John F. Grahame and Alexander Maisel.

- 9:30-WNBC—Mr. District Attorney—Play
- WOR—Name of That Song?
- WJZ—Pot o' Gold
- WCBS—Dinah Shore Show
- WMCA—Where Do We Go From Here?—Play
- WQXR—Design in Harmony
- 9:45-WQXR—Great Names
- 10:00-WNBC—Frank Morgan Show
- WOR—Concert Hour
- WJZ—Bing Crosby Show
- WCBS—Hollywood Players
- WMCA—News; Christmas Songs
- WQXR—News; Opera Preview
- 10:30-WNBC—Kay Kyser Show
- WOR—The Symphonette
- WJZ—Henry Morgan Show
- WCBS—Information Please
- WMCA—News; Music
- WQXR—Just Music
- 11:00-WNBC, WOR—News; Music
- WCBS, WJZ—News; Music
- WMCA—Recorded Music
- WQXR—News; Symphonic Hour
- 11:30-WCBS—Invitation to Music
- WOR—News; Music
- WJZ, WMCA—News; Music
- WQXR—News Reports

Tolstoy and the Americans

By Samuel Sillen

LEO TOLSTOY'S interest in American books, people, institutions is vividly reflected in the new biography of the Russian novelist by Ernest J. Simmons. Tolstoy found the writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson "profound, bold, but often capricious and muddled." Of Walt Whitman he made the following note in his diary: "There is much bombast, emptiness, but I have already found something in him that is fine." The following year he expressed himself with more enthusiasm about Whitman, declaring that he was the "most original and bold of poets" and recommending him for translation.

Of the American novels, Tolstoy was especially impressed by *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. He linked the anti-slavery message of the book with his own feelings about social conditions in Russia. He was also interested in Edward Bellamy's utopian romance, *Looking Backward*.

Tolstoy wrote an introduction to a biography of William Lloyd Garrison, recommended Prescott's *Conquest of Mexico*, and advanced the views of Henry George's *Progress and Poverty*.

MANY Americans came to visit the novelist at Yasnaya Polyana. One was Jane Addams, who told Tolstoy about her experiences as a social worker at Hull House. Another was William Jennings Bryan, whom the Russian found "an intelligent and religious American."

Shortly before Bryan's visit, Tolstoy had spoken about the materialism of Americans, expressing shock at their inability to understand the true spiritual life. He told of an American millionaire who "donated \$5,000,000 to a university and at the

same time increased the price of kerosene by one cent a kilogram and continued the increase until he had regained his \$5,000,000."

But Bryan struck him as different. The American, in turn, was so taken with his host that he gave up an audience with Nicholas II in order to stay longer at Yasnaya Polyana.

PERHAPS the most interesting American story in connection with Tolstoy has to do with the dictaphone sent him by Thomas Edison. Tolstoy scorned the "superfluous" gadgets of modern science. But he was in poor health, and as his correspondence piled up he decided to take advantage of the dictaphone offer made by Stephen Bonsal of the New York Times.

Simmons writes: "Thomas Edison, whom Tolstoy had once slightly referred to in an article because of a statement attributed to him that he would invent projectiles that would kill more people in an hour than Attila had slain in all his wars, willingly agreed to make him a present of one. It was perhaps good advertising. After all, Tolstoy probably had the largest personal mail of any man in the world."

"The machine finally arrived at Yasnaya Polyana. Tolstoy hastened to try it out. At the end of the first letter he was in a state of exhaustion. 'Oh, I'm so tired!' he told his daughter Alexandra. 'I don't see how people can use this thing! It's all very well for the well-balanced Americans, perhaps, but for us Russians it's no good.' Yet he soon learned to use it with comfort and appreciated the immense saving in time."

The well-balanced, businesslike Edison soon asked Tolstoy to make a recording—all, of course, in the interest of "moral and social advancement." Tolstoy made the recording, stumbled at first, but then came through with flying colors.



Music in Review

By Murray Chase

Arline Carmen, mezzo-soprano, who was heard in her New York debut at Times Hall Sunday, gave an enjoyable and intelligent performance of a varied program comprising songs in Italian, English, German and Russian and Bel Raggio from *Semiramide* by Rossini.

Miss Carmen's voice is generous and pleasant. In terms of color, it is somewhat limited. Peculiarly, this lack was least apparent in those songs which most required color, like the Rossini and the excerpt from *Carmen* which she sang as an encore, suggesting that more variety could be achieved by more careful study of the requirements of the music. She has great flexibility and apparently effortless breathing habits.

Miss Carmen was at her best in the wide-eyed innocence of the Kabalevsky songs based on English Children's Songs and in the folk-like English songs of her opening group. She achieved considerable depth of feeling in the Schubert and Brahms songs, in which she was assisted by David Mankovitz, Violist.

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

The contemporary groups featured Roy Harris, Samuel Barber and Leo Smit. Smit's Four Short Songs for Voice Flute and Clarinet had something of the atmosphere of madrigals, enhanced by the imitative parts for the wind instruments, played on this occasion by Dave Weber and Julius Baker. Leo Smit was present and shared in the applause for his folksy songs.

Miss Carmen's previous appearances have been in opera and operetta (*Carmen*, *Merry Widow*, *Mr. Strauss Went to Boston*), in recitals out of town and at Hunter College with Kenneth Spencer and on the radio in the NBC Symphony pro-

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duction of *Midsummer's Night Dream* under the baton of Hans Steinberg. She has also sung in army hospitals with Dean Dixon's American Youth Orchestra.
The very able accompanist was Fritz Johoda.

Handel's Oratorio

George Friedland, Handel's oratorio, *The Messiah*, presented annually by WQXR on Christmas Day, will be heard again this year in a two-hour program to be broadcast from 3:05 to 5:15 p. m.



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Curran Quits CMU Post; Rapped by Smith, Stack

By Arnold Sroog

President Joseph Curran of the CIO National Maritime Union yesterday resigned from the Committee for Maritime Unity and his action was promptly denounced by NMU secretary Ferdinand Smith as "the action of an individual" which "does not reflect the overwhelming sentiment of the membership of the NMU."

NMU vice-president Joseph Stack also joined Smith in blasting Curran, terming his action "the greatest Christmas present" which could be given to the shipowners. Stack declared he intended to fight for the NMU's participation in CMU and to strengthen that participation.

Curran's resignation climaxed a long fight against CMU policy, which he started upon its formation. CMU is composed of five maritime unions in addition to the NMU—the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, the American Communications Association, the Marine Cooks and Stewards, the Inland Boatmen's Union and the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association.

Curran gave four main reasons for his action.

1. The NMU, biggest union in CMU, was losing its autonomy to smaller craft unions in CMU which consistently outvoted him.
2. The CMU took actions in many cases without notifying him.
3. The NMU is carrying the main financial burden of CMU.
4. CMU tactics have damaged the unity of maritime workers, instead of strengthening it.

WAGE TALKS

Curran's action came in the midst of NMU wage negotiations. The union is demanding a 25 percent wage increase in line with the report prepared by CIO economist Robert Nathan. At a recent meeting of the NMU Wage Committee which drew up the demands, Curran cast the sole vote against this demand, terming it excessive, and opposing raises for unskilled seamen. His position was voted down by the rest of the committee.

The CMU executive committee last week concluded a session in San Francisco, which Curran attended. At that meeting Curran resigned when his position was rejected by other CMU leaders. However, he later withdrew his resignation by agreement with the CMU committee and stated he would take no action pending discussion with the NMU executive board, composed of the six executive officers of the union. His resignation yesterday was taken without prior discussion with the board.

Curran's specific reasons for re-

signing from CMU were raised at the San Francisco meeting last week. In an attempt to answer Curran's objection that the NMU was losing its autonomy in CMU, Curran was offered sole chairmanship of CMU and a shift in CMU headquarters to New York.

BOARD MEETS

The board met yesterday all day to consider Curran's action. Members of the board, in addition to Curran, Smith and Stack, are M. Hedley Stone, treasurer; Jack Lawrence and Howard McKenzie, vice-presidents. No comment was forthcoming from the union as to the nature of the board's discussion.

Smith, however, disclosed in his statement the NMU National Office was calling a meeting of the NMU National Council for Jan. 6 "to consider the situation brought about by President Curran's resignation." The council at its last meeting in November stated its support of the referendum of the NMU affiliating to CMU and endorsing its policies and program.

The NMU voted to affiliate to CMU in a referendum last spring, in which 95 percent of the union members voted in favor.

In his statement Smith challenged Curran's action as violating the mandate of the NMU membership.

"President Curran's action," he said, "does not alter the fact that NMU affiliation to CMU is legal and binding, based upon a secret

referendum vote which was 95 percent in favor of affiliation. . . . The recent gains of the maritime unions were won as a result of the unity of the maritime workers led by CMU. . . .

"Nothing will distract the membership of the CMU from this just demand (25 percent increase) of all maritime workers."

OPPOSITION BEGAN

Curran's opposition to CMU began with the wage negotiations last Spring, in which Curran took the position that the CMU's demands were excessive and unrealistic. This particular fight was climaxed when Curran proposed to the NMU that it accept a shipowner offer of \$12.50, declaring it was the maximum possible under the circumstances.

The proposal was voted down by the union membership at a stormy meeting, which declared full support to the CMU program. In the following weeks, under the leadership of CMU, maritime workers won a \$27.50 increase and a cut in hours.

During the negotiations which resulted in the June 15 wage increase Curran was joined in his position by President Malone of the Independent Marine Fireman, Oilers and Wipers Union. The MPOW then was acting in cooperation with CMU, although the union itself has not yet acted on affiliation. Malone, who played a disruptive role throughout the negotiation, later withdrew from his position in CMU.

U.S. Ship Nears Earthquake City

TOKYO, Dec. 24.—An American tank landing ship loaded with blankets, food and medical supplies neared the devastated city of Shingu on the eastern coast of Wakayama peninsula tonight, bringing relief to 14,000 homeless and 500 injured in a triple disaster of earthquake, tidal wave and fire.

The U.S. Eighth Army at Yokohama announced the ship, which left Nagoya yesterday on its mercy voyage of approximately 150 miles, was expected to arrive tonight.

Lt. Col. J. V. Vanderpool, of the 25th Division based at Osaka, returned from an air reconnaissance landing at Shingu to report 37 known dead, 500 injured and being

treated in a makeshift hospital, and 14,000 homeless.

Three-fourths of the city's population had fled to nearby farms and villages after 2,388 homes were razed by earthquake, flood and fire, Vanderpool reported.

50 Greek Guerillas Killed by Royalists

Fifty Greek guerillas and 14 gendarmes were killed in a six-hour battle Friday when 1,800 resistance fighters attacked the village of Vadia, 14 miles from the Turkish border, it was announced officially yesterday, United Press reported from Athens.

A government communique said reinforcements were rushed to the aid of 30 gendarmes stationed in Vadi and repulsed the attackers.

Rapes Charged At Tojo Trial

Cases of rape and forced prostitution among Japanese women and girls were described yesterday at the Tokyo war crimes trial of former Premier Hideki Tojo and 26 co-defendants, according to United Press.

Lt. Col. J. D. Damste, Dutch prosecutor, introduced a synopsis of the Japanese policy toward prisoners of war, women and children of Java, in which he said boys aged 13 were considered adults and sent to internment camps.

Women and children were forced to work long hours under the tropical sun. He said evidence showed that recaptured escapees generally were executed without trial.

He introduced evidence which he said showed the Japanese planned to kill prisoners and civilians in the event of the approach of Allied forces.



Where Disaster Struck: Shaded area shows portion of southern Japan battered by earthquake and tidal waves. The black cross marks point at which the quake started. Relief agencies and U.S. Army rescue teams were rushed to the area.



by BARNARD RUBIN

SECRET, BUT OFFICIAL ORDERS from the War and State Departments have been issued to top militarists and diplomats sternly prohibiting any further talk of the inevitability of war against the Soviet Union.

Reason: The open war-with-Russia talk of our big brass has worsened rather than improved our international prestige. Situation became so bad drastic action was considered necessary.

'T would be nice if Americans could be sure this policy is permanently strategic—and not temporarily tactical. . . .

MIDTOWN CHATTER

Molotov to be a grandfather in two months. . . .

Reuben's new restaurant opened with a bang—but apparently at the expense of the original. When I was at the old Reuben's the other a.m., there were more waiters than customers.

The Herald Tribune will soon raise its price to a nickel. Sunday edition goes to fifteen cents. . . .

The Army radio recruiting program, **Sound Off!** uses a chant sung by Negro troops during the war as its theme song. Yet, Army policy opposes hiring Negro talent for the same show. . . .

A new foreign movie house opening where the Mall studios are now—in the Newspaper Guild Building. . . .

Ted Allen, the correspondent who recently returned with the inside Franco Spain story, is now in Hollywood writing for the film factories. . . .

Whodunit writers Agatha Christie and Dorothy Sayers have been making themselves repulsive by accepting their stuff with an anti-Semitic undertone. They usually include a revolting "Jewish" character in each of their books, described with Streicherian adjectives.

Significant point is that these characters are usually extraneous to otherwise tightly worked-out plots. In other words, it's a deliberate attempt to spread racial prejudice among the vast mystery fan public. Very clever, unless the heat is put on their publishers. . . .

The coming musical, **Street Scene**, also does a vulgar "Jewish" characterization with its Mr. Kaplan role. Among other things, "Kaplan" sings a song, "Comes the Revolution," in a grossly exaggerated Yiddish accent. . . .

The National Institute of Arts and Letters has elected a woman, for the first time in its history, to its national board. Its new vice-president is Isabel Bishop, prominent New York City painter. The subjects of many of her paintings are the young working women she observes from her Union Square studio. . . .

A Latin American Youth Ballet will be organized in Rio de Janeiro soon by Igor Schwezoff, ballet choreographer, who clicked with his Eugene Onegin at the City Center. How about someone doing the same here? . . .

Assemblyman Leo Isaacson being considered by the American Labor Party for the post of State Legislative Director. . . .

Outside of the minor clip joints, there are few large professional gambling games in the city limits today. New York's professional gambling ring, which was cracked by the LaGuardia administration, and unable to recoup much under O'Dwyer, is now operating mainly in Gov. Dewey's territory.

Former operators of the Grand Street and Mulberry Street games can now be found with Republican politicians in that classy joint in Huntington, Long Island. Almost any hep native can direct you to it.

House features the largest crap game in the East in which hundreds of thousands of dollars pass hands nightly.

Dewey, it seems, talks tough about gambling—but only when it's in Democratic Party territory. Huntington, L. I., is controlled by his GOP. . . .

4 of 5 Workers' Families Get Less Milk, Eggs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (FP).—A nationwide CIO survey of industrial workers conducted in September disclosed that workers had been forced by inflationary price increases to make substantial cuts in their purchases of essential food and clothing.

The survey's figures are taken from the hitherto unpublished report of the CIO Cost of Living Committee. The proportion of families reporting cuts for various items and the average reduction in their consumption are shown in the following table:

Item	Proportion of Families Reporting Cuts	Average Reduction Per Week
Milk	78.2 percent	4.1 quarts
Butter and Oleo	88.9 percent	1.3 pounds
Eggs	72.5 percent	1.7 dozen
Clothing	83.7 percent	"substantial"

"These cuts," the report said, "occurred at a time when meat was practically unobtainable and the amounts normally spent on meat were available to buy other items. These declines point up the threat to farm income from reduced purchases by workers and highlight the common stake of farmers and workers in increasing labor's purchasing power."